

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, Line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Turning to Figs. 1 and 2, a flask 10 of the present invention is shown. The flask body 12 comprises a top plate 14 and a bottom tray 16 defining a cell growth surface connected by sidewalls 18 and end walls 20. Disposed within the top plate of the flask is a vent 22. The vent protrudes slightly from the surface of the top plate 14 and is shaped to receive a disc 23 of gas permeable membrane material. It is made up of a series of openings through the flask body that will provide gaseous communication with the external environment. A necked opening 26 covered by a screw cap 26 is located within a notched corner 28 of the flask 10. As will be discussed in more detail below, the cap arrangement is preferably arranged such that the cap 24 does not protrude from the rectangular footprint of the flask. The rectangular footprint is the general length by width dimension occupied by the flask when the flask is placed on a surface such that the bottom tray contacts the surface and the top plate faces upwards as demonstrated in Fig. 1. For example, as shown in Fig. 3, the footprint is the area as determined by the periphery of the flask, with the periphery extended by the dashed line area around the notched corner 28. In Fig. 6~~5~~₅, the flask footprint is defined by the flask periphery extended by the dashed line over the central notch 53.